

Syria: Israel Behind Attack on Iranian Air Force Base Near Homs

Reports say Syrian air defense systems fired at planes, coming in from Jordan, and heading towards the T4 airbase used by Iran.

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Reports in Syria say an airstrike hit the site of a known Iranian airbase in Syria's Homs region. Reports on Syrian television attributed the attack to Israel.

According to the official Syrian news agency SANA, Syrian air defense systems were fired as warplanes, purportedly coming into the country from Jordan, approached the T4 base near Tiyas. The planes, which reports said were flying low to avoid detection, passed through the al-Tanaf area where U.S. forces have a base.

Syrian military air defences thwarted the act of "aggression", state media said. An army officer in the southern Syrian desert said the air defense system shot down missiles coming from south of the Tanaf region towards the Homs air base. Reports said that around six missiles hit near the air base and that damage was caused by the attack but that no one was hurt or killed.

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#BREAKING: Reports: Israeli air strike on T4 base in Homs, Syria; Syria TV reports several air defense missiles in response

The T4 airbase, also known as the Tiyas Military Airbase, has been reported to have been used by Iranian forces. This April, a senior Israeli official confirmed to the New York Times that Israel had hit the base.

"It was the first time we attacked live Iranian targets — both facilities and people," said the Israeli military official.

The official said that the armed Iranian drone that entered Israeli airspace a few days prior “opened a new period,” and that “this is the first time we saw Iran do something against Israel — not by proxy.” During the attack, Israel killed seven Iranian Revolutionary Guards’ Quds force members, including Colonel Mehdi Dehghan, who led the drone unit operating out of T4, east of Homs.



Photos of Iranian drones and control center, released by Israel after it struck T-4 air base in Feb.IDF Spokesperson’s Unit.

Two weeks ago, two Israeli missiles struck a target near Damascus International Airport, Syrian state-run media said overnight on Monday, adding that no casualties or damage were reported.

The target was an arms depot belonging to the Lebanese Shi’ite movement Hezbollah, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. According to the Lebanon-based Al-Mayadeen TV, a source said Syrian air defense systems had intercepted two missiles in addition to the ones fired at the airport.



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